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Mr. Nigel Robinson
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Dear Mr. Robinson

The January 15, 1988 meeting in Edison was an appropriate beginning to resolve concerns contained in our August 18, 1987 letter on the technical adequacy of the Draft Remedial Investigation Report for the Asbestos Dump Sites in Morris County, New Jersey. The following summarizes our understanding of the discussions and agreements reached at the meeting:

1. Interior concurs with the EPA's decision to treat the Millington site and the satellite sites as two separate operable units. This will enable further characterization of contaminants at the satellite sites, while allowing for expedited remediation at the Millington site.
2. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agreed to provide the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) with Fred C. Hart Associates' sampling data collected during rounds 2 and 3 at each of the Asbestos Dump Sites.
3. Upon receipt and review of the rounds 2 and 3 sampling data, the FWS will prepare an outline summary of additional sampling needs to determine the full extent of contamination at the satellite sites.
4. Areas adjacent to the Great Swamp satellite sites identified as mound A and B should be investigated for possible remediation along with mound A and B. These adjacent areas should at the very least include the asbestos covered parking lot and road leading into the site, and the overgrown farm field beyond mound A and B, where photographic analysis suggests asbestos-tainted fill was placed.

It is also our understanding that once data have been reviewed and additional sampling needs have been established, the EPA will schedule a meeting with National Gypsum Company (NGC). The EPA, having the enforcement authority concerning Superfund investigations, will present the recommendations addressed above to NGC at the joint meeting at which Interior representatives will be present.

As brought up during the January 15 discussion, we also request the following:

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- a. a re-analysis of the biota data used in the preparation of the Draft Remedial Investigation Report to provide estimates of abundance, density and diversity at each sampling station, and
- b. sufficient information in the Remedial Investigation Report to fully satisfy the remedial investigation evaluation criteria of Contribution of Contamination.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (215) 597-5378.

Sincerely,



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